



Clinton Says She Plans to Create Office of Immigrant Affairs if Elected

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Hillary Clinton will promise on Wednesday that, if elected president, she will create a national Office of Immigrant Affairs, according to a Clinton aide, a move that looks to solidify her base of Latino support ahead of **New York's** April 19 primary.

“I would create the first ever Office of Immigrant Affairs”, Clinton said.

“This office will ensure that immigrants, refugees and their children are able to become fully integrated members of their communities and country”, the aide said in the statement, according to Foreign Policy.

The **New York** primary on Tuesday could either help former Secretary of State Clinton consolidate her status as the Democratic front-runner or hand a significant victory to rival Bernie Sanders, the Vermont senator seeking to defy expectations and win the party's nomination for the November 8 election.

Clinton talked about the plan while receiving an endorsement Wednesday from the **New York** State Immigrant Action Fund. Ironically enough, Clinton's strongest denunciations of that policy came in the 2007-2008 Democratic presidential primary when Clinton was defending herself against accusations from fellow Democrats that she was too sympathetic toward the drivers license program.

“The hassle of becoming a citizen is sometimes overwhelming”, Clinton said, referring to the millions of immigrants in the United States who are eligible for citizenship but have not applied.

Democratic presidential candidate **Hillary Clinton** speaks at the eighth annual National Immigration Integration conference at the Marriott At The Brooklyn Bridge.

She made the remarks to about 10 representatives of **New York's** immigrant communities, including a number of illegal immigrants, and representatives from immigrant advocacy groups.

“Donald Trump says we can solve America's problems by turning against each other”, Clinton said at a recent NY rally, highlighted in a new ad spot released Monday.

Clinton was referencing two votes in 2006 that helped a group of anti-immigration activists along the border.

Alex Nowrasteh, immigration policy analyst at the Cato Institute, told FoxNews.com that adding more bureaucracy was not going to do anything.

While both Clinton and Sanders have toiled to illustrate their commitment to immigration reform, leading Republican challengers Donald Trump and Ted Cruz have taken on a hard-line stance against any such efforts. Sanders is taking Clinton to task for her opposition in 2007 to granting driver's licenses to **New York's** undocumented immigrants.